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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

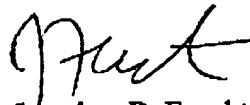
The summary provided by the Examiner accurately and fully describes the substance of the Interview. Amendment B contains claim amendments which correspond to the amendments discussed during the interview. Applicants discussed how the proposed amendments overcome Wilhelmy (U.S. Patent No. 5,722,977) and Urbahns (U.S. 6,265,657).

It is believed that the above Remarks represent a complete response to the Examiner's Interview Summary as required by MPEP 713.04 and that the Application is now in condition for allowance, and such favorable determination is requested.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 50-2779, ZIMMER TECHNOLOGY, INC. If any questions regarding this Application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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